



Town of Mashpee

*16 Great Neck Road North
Mashpee, Massachusetts 02649*

BOARD OF HEALTH – PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes of the Meeting of August 4, 2016

Board Members Present:

Lucy Burton, Co-Chair
Brian Baumgaertel, Clerk

Member Absent:

Kalliope Egloff, Chair

Also Present:

Glen Harrington, Health Agent

Co-Chair Lucy Burton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPOINTMENTS

7:15 PM – Operation and Maintenance Violation – 23 Spoondrift Way.

Glen Harrington stated that the FAST system for the property located at 23 Spoondrift Way was approved and installed in 2003 for a new dwelling that was constructed. Six of the required 8 Total Nitrogen samples were obtained from 2003 to 2005. Certified letters were delivered in 2007 and 2008 with no reply. There were no samples or maintenance from 2006 to 2009. There was a contract with Winston Steadman from April 2009 to April 2010, but no data was entered into the database. No sampling or maintenance occurred between 2010 and 2015. A contract was finally provided to the Board of Health on July 29, 2016. The first maintenance has been performed by Mike Bisienere, Cape Septic Inspections, on that property.

Lucy Burton commented that the Board of Health has previously, in similar situations, fined \$300 per non-compliant year. In this case there have been 8 missed years. Ms. Burton felt that the owners should be fined in a consistent manner because of the amount of correspondence.

Brian Baumgaertel made a motion that the Board of Health issue fines for the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, \$300 per year for a total of \$2,400 for Innovative/Alternative Operation and Maintenance Violations at 23 Spoondrift Way. Lucy Burton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7:20 PM – Title V Variance – 6 Cricket Way.

Glen Harrington commented that the property located at 6 Cricket Way is a straight upgrade of a septic that is on a very small lot. The plan follows Title V as far as priority of infringing upon the property line before going closer to the dwelling's cellar wall. The abutter was notified, and a copy of the green card was provided to the Board of Health.

Matthew Costa of Cape and Islands Engineering, representing 6 Cricket Way, introduced himself to the Board and commented that he is requesting one variance.

Brian Baumgaertel made a motion that the Board of Health approve the variance request for 6 Cricket Way as presented. Lucy Burton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7:25 PM – Title V Variance – 69 Triton Way.

Glen Harrington stated that this is a new dwelling on a vacant lot. The property is not located in Zone II, but the lot is small and pre-existing. The homes on Triton Way are some of the largest in town, and this lot is being utilized to its maximum. The proposed swimming pool is a luxury and is requested by the owner. Several

versions and iterations of this plan have been discussed between the builder and the engineer. Mr. Harrington believes that this version is the best compromise for the use and value of the property and for the environment and operation of the septic system. Strict adherence to Title V would reduce the dwelling depth by 8 feet, down to 25 feet, which would not be in character for this area.

Thomas Bunker of BSS Design, representing 69 Triton Way, introduced himself to the Board and is requesting four variances.

Brian Baumgaertel made a motion that the Board of Health approve the variance requests for 69 Triton Way as presented with the condition that if a reserve area is used in the future, a 40 mil liner be placed as mitigation to the catch basin. Lucy Burton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7:30 PM – Hoarding Presentation – Erika Woods, Cape Cod Hoarding Task Force.

Erika Woods of the Cape Cod Hoarding Task Force, introduced herself to the Board.

Ms. Woods provided hand-outs to the Board and Mr. Harrington. Ms. Woods discussed hoarding overall, including some of the characteristics, challenges, and emerging best practices. Hoarding disorder is now a diagnosable mental illness. Ms. Woods remarked that there is a specific definition to the term hoarding. Also, there is a difference between hoarding disorder and hoarding behavior, and a difference between hoarding and squalor.

Ms. Woods commented that she became involved with 394 Cotuit Road because a member of the Hoarding Task Force contacted Ms. Woods to seek assistance for Vickie McFarland-Richter. Ms. Woods commented that the Hoarding Task Force did not have the ability to offer direct services, only support and education. Ms. Woods later felt it was necessary to offer direct services as this would be a perfect opportunity as a test case. Erika Woods stated that this has been a great experience.

At the moment the Cape Cod Hoarding Task Force is set up for education, to make resources available, and an email address to keep people in touch with the resources. Grants have been received to offer one-on-one services to individuals that are partaking in the Buried in Treasures Program.

Lucy Burton commented that the Board of Health establish a list of measurable, acceptable conditions that can be monitored in order to allow compliance of similar situations. Ms. Burton felt that a checklist of this sort would be helpful to have closure for the property located at 394 Cotuit Road.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Sign Expense Warrants.** None.

- 2. Review/Approve BOH Public Session Minutes: July 21, 2016.**

Brian Baumgaertel made a motion that the Board of Health approve the Public Session minutes of July 21, 2016, as amended. Lucy Burton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Housing Compliance Update: 394 Cotuit Road.**

Glen Harrington stated that 394 Cotuit Road will be discussed in conjunction with Erika Woods's presentation this evening.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

None.

DISCUSSION

- 1. Meeting Update – Mashpee Cares Committee Meeting: Glen Harrington.**

Glen Harrington remarked that there will no longer be a Mashpee Cares Committee, as it is to be combined with the Mashpee Substance Use Task Force. Mr. Harrington will be involved as a member of the Mashpee Substance Use Task Force.

2. Bathing Beach Update: Attaquin Beach.

Glen Harrington stated that the Chair, Kalliope Egloff, requested to add Attaquin Beach as a discussion topic. Mr. Harrington commented that there have been no further reports of anyone with a rash or any algae. Mr. Harrington has inspected Attaquin Beach on several occasions, and did not observe the presence of algae.

3. Burt's Follow-Up List.

Glen Harrington remarked that he located a copy of Burt Kaplan's follow-up list dating back to May 2015. Mr. Harrington is in the process of assembling a spreadsheet and will update the list with the on-going projects.

4. 37 Tri-Town Circle.

Glen Harrington commented that Veronica Warden, Assistant Health Agent, investigated a complaint at 37 Tri-Town Circle, which is a bank-owned property. The Health Department was informed that there is a possibility of someone living in the basement. The power has been turned off, and the water has been disconnected. Mr. Harrington will post the house accordingly. There is a trash issue at the property, and Mr. Harrington will contact Mashpee Department of Public Works to clean the exterior of the property. The bank has been fined \$100 a day, which has accumulated to \$4,500.

5. 28 Sheffield Place.

Glen Harrington stated that he inspected the property located at 28 Sheffield Place which is also bank-owned. This property has been trashed, but the interior has been cleaned. However, there is substantial damage to the inside of the home. Mr. Harrington will issue an emergency condemnation because it is vacant and the violations will need to be corrected before occupancy.

6. Mashpee Village.

Glen Harrington performed an inspection at Mashpee Village and dealt with an individual that has mental health issues. Mr. Harrington commented that the police are involved, and would like the family and the primary care physician included with the treatment of this individual. Mr. Harrington felt that there are some issues that will get worse over time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 7:00 PM. As there was no further business, Brian Baumgaertel made a motion to adjourn the Public Session Meeting of the Board of Health at 8:24 PM. Lucy Burton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boulos
Administrative Assistant
Mashpee Board of Health

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